



To: Department Directors

From: Governor Brian Schweitzer

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Re: 20 x 10 Energy Initiative

Climate change is a serious issue, one for which we all share responsibility. I take very seriously the idea that we will **lead by example** to make smart decisions and changes in state government to address climate change. In this spirit, I have announced my 20 x 10 Energy Initiative. I am directing all state agencies to reduce their facility-related energy use by 20% by the end of the year 2010 saving Montanans nearly \$3 million every year.

This is one of the most aggressive energy reduction targets of any state government in the country. It will stretch the resources and creativity of every state agency. And it *is* the right thing to do. We will set an example of how to use less energy, more wisely, for Montana homeowners, businesses, and institutions.

To be successful we need to start now. Please assign the staff necessary for your department to implement the tasks outlined in the following memo on a day-to-day basis. Please also use staff meeting times to discuss and explore innovative energy saving measures. This initiative is a top priority, and I appreciate your support.

Thank you for your help in making Montana an inspiration to its citizens and to state governments around the country. DEQ Director Richard Oppen and Administration Director Janet Kelly will head up this effort and will soon have a state intranet site set up to help agencies with ideas and to share information about ways to reduce energy consumption. Every measure of energy saved by state government saves money for all Montana consumers. You and your employees can help Montana lead the way toward a better, cleaner future.

